

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Sung-Kwon LEE

Serial No.: 10/612,922

Group Art Unit: 2818

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Examiner: Huynh, Andy

For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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February 17, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Request for Restriction mailed January 7, 2005, Applicant elects Group II, claims 7-11, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 689, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. The claims of Group I (Claims 1-6) drawn to a device and the claims of Group II (Claims 7-11) drawn to the method are closely related to each other and define a single invention. The device defined in claims 1-6 is manufactured by the process of claims 7-11, and thus, claims 1-11 define a single inventive concept. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine the claims of both groups. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-11 be examined.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If a Petition for Extension is necessary and the petition and/or check is not enclosed, this will act as a petition to extend the time for response and authorization to charge the necessary fees under 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) to Deposit Account 503-121.

Respectfully submitted,  
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